

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 901

By Hardaway

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Charlie Mae Walker
upon being named Queen of the Orange Mound
Community Center.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor and recognize those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Mae Walker is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Memphis community, Ms. Walker was recently named Queen of the Orange Mound Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Mae Walker was born in Memphis on January 23, 1943 to the late Carolyn "Miss Rosie" Rutherford Pullom and the late Reverend Percy Reynolds and was raised in Humboldt, where she devoted her time and talents to numerous religious and civic activities, including Girl Scouts, High Society Girls, and Girls State; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional student who distinguished herself in the classroom, Ms. Walker was named Salutatorian of her high school class in 1961, and attended Tennessee A & I State University, earning a degree in Sociology in 1965. She also earned her Masters degree in Religious Education and earned her Doctorate in Theology from Jacksonville Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Mae Walker was joined in holy matrimony with J.D. Walker in 1965, and the loving couple treasured many wonderful years together until Mr. Walker's passing; the blessed union produced two children; and

WHEREAS, understanding that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Ms. Walker began registering voters in the 1960s, a charge she enthusiastically continues even today; and

WHEREAS, believing deeply in educating, empowering, and encouraging all children to achieve their maximum potential, Ms. Walker tirelessly served as a teacher and director of a day care center for many years and currently lends her tremendous talents to local schools as a substitute teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the State of Tennessee for nineteen years, in which position she earned the respect and admiration of her peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, living by her personal adage: "To God Be the Glory," Ms. Walker answered a divine call to the ministry and became a licensed and ordained gospel preacher so that she may provide hope and communicate God's love to her community; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman currently expresses her devout Christian faith as an active member of the Morning Star Church World Wide Ministry; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Mound Community Center offers a full range of services to provide entertainment, instruction, recreation, and other wholesome activities as it enhances the quality of life for Memphis residents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker joined this invaluable organization in May of 2004 and currently serves as the President of the Ellie Richie Choir and a member of the Orange Mound Senior Center Support Group, working assiduously with the in-house commodity distribution; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Ms. Walker is most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her daughter, Chandra, and her granddaughter, Jasmine; and

WHEREAS, during a lifetime overflowing with generosity and compassion, Ms. Walker has always embraced her motto: "If I can help somebody even in the smallest way, then I've accomplished much;" and

WHEREAS, Charlie Mae Walker is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and it is fitting that this General Assembly honor her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Charlie Mae Walker upon being named Queen of the Orange Mound Community Center, commend her for her meritorious service to the fine citizens of Memphis, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.